

# Tax, Price Laws Near Showdown



"PLEASE STRESS WE NEED BLOOD."—San Francisco.—Sgt. Carl K. Reed, a member of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2285, told AFL President William Green and delegates to the AFL 70th convention "the men in service need a lot of blood." Wounded in Korea, he said he had over 20 pints and the average is 12 pints per man. Staff Sgt. Eidour Duran asked the delegates "when you go home to your unions please stress the fact that we need blood."

## NEW YORK IN 1952

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention picked New York City for the 71st convention to be held beginning the 3rd Monday in September 1952.

New York was selected after Cleveland deferred to that city.

It will be the first AFL convention in New York in 57 years—since 1895.

## Bakery Union Meets in South

New Orleans, La.—Meeting in the Deep South for the first time, delegates to the convention of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America placed heavy emphasis on organizing in their deliberations here—and they served notice the hundreds of unorganized shops in the South will be primary targets.

The union's convention, which is held every 5 years, opened the same day as the American Federation of Labor convalesce in San Francisco.

In a stirring keynote address which brought tumultuous approval from more than 500 delegates, International President William F. Schnitzler reported that the union had made vast progress since the last convention in Chicago, but insisted that the job of organizing bakery and confectionery workers is less than half finished.

Schnitzler also ripped into the principle of so-called "escalator" clauses. He granted that the bakers and confectioners' union will go along with the policy during the mobilization period as a matter of necessity, but declared:

"We want, however, our government to know that we are not going to slide into this Frankenstein that we find trying to eat us up—where our entire system is based on the cost of living over which we have no control."

The union president said, "We want to negotiate our wages."

"We cannot, as a group of organized workers, ever tie our wages to 'escalator' clauses."

Father Vincent S. O'Connell, another opening day speaker at the convention, attacked the Taft-Hartley Act as legislation which infringes on workers' rights to organize.

Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright, who made a plane trip from San Francisco to address the delegates, brought greetings from Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin and briefly reviewed the status of national legislation affecting labor.

the CIO and its affiliates to extend their jurisdiction at the expense of the American Federation of Labor.

"Talk of the possibility of united labor action in the political field, in economic matters, or in legislation, can be no more than talk as long as there is no respect for jurisdiction where the nature and scope of jurisdiction has been well established," the committee said.

## ADDRESSES PRESS CLUB

San Francisco.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany delivered the off-the-record speech at one of the traditional "gang dinners" of the San Francisco Press and Union League Club during the AFL 70th convention.

## KOREAN FLIGHT PAY

Chicago.—AFL Airline Pilots Association negotiated an agreement with American Airlines providing \$2.50 an hour extra pay for pilots and co-pilots participating in the Korean airlift.

## Green Makes Last Ditch Appeal On Revenue Law

Washington.—The AFL turned loose last-ditch legislative efforts to obtain improved tax and price laws as the 82d Congress plunged, without consideration for the working man's interests, toward adjournment.

Senate passage of a tax bill to raise \$5.4 billion annually threw the fight for an improved revenue measure into a conference committee composed of Senators and House members.

This committee will try to reconcile differences between the Senate bill and the House measure, which incorporates some features acceptable to the AFL. The AFL worked for adoption of the House bill.

The House bill, which would raise \$7 of the \$10 billion requested by President Truman, provides a 12½ percent increase in personal taxes. By contrast the Senate hike is 11 percent on the lower incomes and less on incomes above \$50,000 a year.

In passing its bill, the Senate roughly hauled, 57-19, over all attempts to distribute the tax burden more equitably and lighten the load on the low-income wage earners. It flagrantly wrote a "soak-the-poor, spare-the-rich" measure.

AFL attempts to change the result in the Senate failed.

From San Francisco, AFL President William Green telegraphed Chairman Walter F. George and other members of the Senate Finance Committee urging them to amend the income tax bill being considered by the Senate to lighten the burden on low-income wage earners.

He acted at the conclusion of the AFL 70th convention, just about the time the Senate tenderly rejected any increase in tax on excess corporation taxes and voted into the bill provisions to relieve "hardship" cases among corporations.

Even the big commercial telegraph news agencies carried the word "hardship" in quotations. Industry profits are at an all-time high.

"Delegates to the AFL convention have gone on record unanimously as urging more adequate and more equitable amendments to revenue legislation now under consideration," Mr. Green wired the Senators.

He listed the changes in the bill which were adopted by the convention as some of the principles of equitable tax legislation needed to correct the trend to imposing an unequal share of taxes on those earning incomes under \$3,000 a year.

These changes included no increase in war-emergency excise taxes; rebate to taxpayers with net income less than \$1,000; recapture of \$2.5 billion annually by abolishing split-income provision; reduce excessive depletion allowances to the rich oil and mineral industries; strengthen gift and estate tax laws to recapture \$1 billion annually.

Meanwhile, the AFL and other liberal groups together with administrative forces fought to get strengthening amendments to the Defense Production Act. These included repeal of

the Capehart and Herlong amendments, which pass all higher costs on to the consumer, and the restoration of beef slaughter quotas to halt the black market in meat.

As part of this drive, the Office of Price Stabilization enforcement division conducted a series of nation-wide raids to point up the widespread existence of black market slaughtering operations.

Votes on the tax and Defense Production Act amendments will be used as tests by Labor's League for Political Education in the 1952 elections to determine which Senate and House members served all of the people and deserve the support of working men.

Missing its Oct. 1 adjournment target date, this Congress hoped to wind up its session on Oct. 3, but it is not possible after the tax law is completed.

## Fight Low-Pay Imported Items

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention approved a declaration of policy favoring a high volume of international trade but expressed opposition to imported items produced under sweat-shop conditions which threaten American wage and working standards.

The convention Committee on Resolutions referred to the AFL Executive Council 4 resolutions on imports.

They dealt with unfair competition on ladies' handbags and other items from foreign countries, introduced by the Handbag Workers Union; importation of foreign leather products, and importation of goods made under slave labor conditions, introduced by President Thomas Murray of New York State Federation; and unfair competition of foreign-made products introduced by President George A. Haberman of Wisconsin State Federation.

"In reporting on these resolutions, your committee recommends reaffirmation of the repeatedly asserted opposition to unfair competition and threat to wage standards and conditions of work."

"We do not oppose a high volume of international trade; we favor it."

"But we cannot look with indifference when the very objectives of our long effort and struggle in the economic and social field are threatened by imports that derive their competitive advantage from lower wage payments and inferior working conditions."

"We reassert the principle that fair competition as contrasted with sweat-shop or cut-throat competition assures both the highest and healthiest flow of trade, whether domestic or international."

"Our minimum wage laws, both state and federal, our social security laws, our system of unemployment insurance and our collective bargaining guarantees, all are evidence of our conviction that foreign competition based on wages and standards of employment is destructive of our social, industrial and commercial system."

"It is our judgment that the American market and the interest of America's workers can best be maintained in its expanded and expanding condition by continued adherence to this conviction."

"It is our further recommendation that all efforts be made to the end that authentic capture of unfair import competition are eliminated, fully recognizing that removal of unfair trade will not restrict trade in general but will promote it."

"It is, likewise, recommended that we endeavor to help shape our foreign trade legislation to assure fair and equitable import conditions where the imported goods compete with the products of our members and do not tend to undermine standards of work and compensation for services rendered."

## New Organizing Campaigns Set

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention voted ambitious, vitalizing campaigns to organize American workers.

Moving to meet the challenge to unionization presented by development of the huge atomic industry, expansion of many defense plant areas, and to keep alive the organizing drive begun in the Samuel Gompers Centennial Year, the convention authorized state, regional and national movements, including:

1. Atomic energy installations where AFL unions hold better than 8 to 1 majority in plants and employees organized.

2. Southern California, described as "the largest unorganized production field in the nation and the most rapidly expanding section."

3. Authorization of a general conference of organizing directors to devise methods of combating raiding, to coordinate organizing efforts, and to plan state rallies similar to the Gompers' drive of 1950.

## So. California, Atomic and Other Drives Authorized

4. Continuance of the Southern drive in an area called "still the pioneer territory in organizational activity" and where AFL unions won 1,200 of 1,800 National Labor Relations Board elections in the past year.

5. Close cooperation with Mexican border state federations of labor to deal with the labor import problem.

6. Authorizing the Executive Council to hold state conferences of Federal labor unions where feasible to strengthen and coordinate their work.

The convention Committee on Organization noted that resolutions on organizing gave "expression to the strong resentment existing among AFL members in many areas of our country against the current efforts by



THIS MAY BE THE FASHION OF 1952.—San Francisco.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Mearns wears a white flannel cap styled in New York City by Revlon Hat & Co. and a white shirt. The AFL Union Brotherhood, City & Military Workers, S. Hershkovitz (left) and Herman Finkelshteyn (right), members of union's union label committee, distributed more than 700 of the caps and an equal number of Dalton hats to delegates from every state in the union at AFL 70th convention.

## Editors Seek Close Relation With AFL

San Francisco.—The 40th anniversary convention of the International Labor Press of America asked the 70th AFL convention to re-establish a liaison committee between the AFL and ILPA in the interest of making the labor press a more effective instrument.

AFL Vice Presidents Matthew Wolf, who is also ILPE president; George M. Harrison and W. B. Huggins served on the committee prior to its dissolution.

The convention endorsed the sending of copies of labor papers to U. S. Information Centers in major world cities; opposed ordered listening, and advocated establishment of an AFL Business Advisory Service on the establishment of new labor papers owned by Central Labor Unions.

It urged member papers to subscribe to Labor Press Association, which has just about put the Communist-dominated Federated Press out of business, and it recommended a University of Illinois booklet on second class mailing privileges to editors needing information on this subject.

The University of California School of Journalism faculty were chosen to judge the Award of Merit Journalismistic entries in 1952.

Those elected are Mr. Wolf, president; Lewis M. Hermann, Newark, N. J., Labor Herald, secretary-treasurer and fraternal relations; J. O. Thomas, Washington, 2d; William Arnold, San Antonio, 3d; Stanton Dean, Mobile, 4th; J. Scott Mills, Electrical Workers, 5th; Ed. Doan, State, County and Municipal Workers, 6th; L. O. Thomas, Machine Tools; C. J. Haggerty, California State Federation, 8th; W. B. Huggins, Railway Carmen, 9th.

DISCUSS WESTERN EUROPEAN QUESTION.—San Francisco.—At AFL 70th convention, Irving Brown (right), AFL European Representative, began news of late developments in Western Europe to AFL International Representative George P. Delaney (left) and Joseph D. Keenan (center), secretary-treasurer AFL Building Trades Department and former labor adviser to former German High Commissioner Lucius D. Clay.

## Egyptian to Publicize Union Label in Near East

San Francisco.—Workers of the Near and Middle East will be urged to buy AFL union label goods from America.

Mohammed Ibrahim Zin El din, president of the General Union of Motor Drivers of Cairo, Egypt, a guest of the AFL 70th convention, told the Union Label Trades 43d annual convention that he would urge Arabic and Egyptian trade unions in the Near and Middle East to look for and demand the union label on all products imported from the United States.

The convention conferred the title of honorary ambassador extraordinary upon Mr. Zin.

THERE'LL BE NO SPEED-UP.—San Francisco.—George Q. Lynch (right), president AFL Pattern Makers League, and Maywood Borchers (right), legislative representative AFL Boilermakers, whose unions fought the Taylor speed-up in U. S. Navy Yards, approve speech by Nelson H. Johnson, AFL Labor Division, to AFL 70th convention pledging that the productivity program of RCA in Europe will not degenerate into harmful speed-ups or stretch-outs.

## Tap Papers in 8 States, 10 International Mags

San Francisco.—Tapped for Awards of Merit by the International Labor Press of America in its annual Journalismistic contest were labor papers in 8 states and the official journals of 10 international unions.

The prize winners for editorial and typographical excellence were selected by Dr. Frederic S. Siebert, director of the University of Illinois School of Journalism, and a board of judges from his faculty.

The awards were presented by AFL President Matthew Wolf at the 40th anniversary banquet of ILPA, climaxing the annual convention.

The labor newspaper winners are in Maryland, West Virginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, Kentucky, Oregon and California.

Publications of 10 international unions won awards, Meat Cutters, Ladies

Garment Workers, Electrical Workers, Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Retail Clerks, Machinists, Paper Makers, Building Service Workers, Street Electric Railway Employees and State, County and Municipal Workers.

Following are the winners by classification:

International Union Publications (News or Magazine Format)

Editorial excellence: 1st, The Butcher Workman; 2d, Justice; 3rd, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Excellence in typography and presswork: 1st, Electrical Workers' Journal; 2d, Bakers' and Confectioners' Journal.

Local Monthly Papers

Editorial excellence: 1st, Overturn Los Angeles Musicians' Union 47; 2d, New Jersey Labor Herald, Newark, N. J.

Excellence in typography and presswork: 1st, Overturn, Los Angeles Musicians' Union 47; 2d, Retail Clerks' Advocate, Retail Clerks' Int. Assoc.

Local Weekly Papers

Editorial excellence: 1st, Kentucky Labor News, Louisville, Ky.; 2d, Oregon Bomber, Portland, Ore.

Excellence in typography and presswork: 1st, Oregon Tramper, Portland, Ore.; 2d, Kentucky Labor News, Louisville, Ky.

General

Best single editorial: 1st, Electrical Workers' Journal; 2d, The Butcher Workman.

Best original cartoon: 1st, Machinists' Monthly Journal; 2d, Justice.

Best front-page news style: 1st, Cleveland Citizen; 2d, New England Freeman, Boston, Mass.

Best front-page art or pictorial: 1st, The Public Enemy, State, County and Municipal Employees; 2d, Overturn, Los Angeles Musicians' Union 47.

Best feature article: 1st, The Paper Maker, "Snapshots of a Man's Town"; 2d, Building Service Employees, "Uncle Sam's Bargain Basement."

Best special column: 1st, "Short Turns," Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator; 2d, "Not for Publication," New Jersey Labor Herald.

Best community project: 1st, The News Review, Charleston, W. Va.; 2d, Baltimore Federation of Labor, Md.

MARK 50 YEARS

Washington.—The District of Columbia Federation of Musicians celebrated its 50th anniversary Sept. 25. It has grown from 60 members in 1901 to 1,600.

## Street Railway Union Pledges LLPE Support

San Antonio, Tex.—The 31st biennial convention of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America vowed continued action toward repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

Renewed activity and greater cooperation with Labor's League for Political Education was asked by A. L. Spradling, international president, in his report to the delegates assembled from the United States and Canada.

Also gaining the approval of the delegates was a resolution regarding the "wrenchback" situation, the convention voting approval of the AFL's strong unity against the influx of low-paid, ill-treated Mexican labor.

Delegates voted to increase their capita tax by 50 cents per month, the bulk of which was specifically assigned to the Amalgamated's defense fund.

But while preparing for the contingencies of increasingly greater anti-labor activities on the part of their transit management employers, the delegates reaffirmed their belief in the association's time-honored policy regarding the arbitration of disputes, which cannot be reconciled through negotiation, mediation or conciliation. The Amalgamated will still not approve strike benefits unless its members get offer to arbitrate the matter at issue and the employing company refuses to participate in such arbitration proceedings.

Salary increases, the first in 5 years, were voted to the officers of the transit union. By unanimous action, the salary of President Spradling was increased to \$10,000 per year and those of Executive Vice President Sam B. Berrong and Secretary-Treasurer J. Mischo were upped to \$14,000 per year. This represents an increase of \$4,000 yearly in each case.

Members of the Amalgamated's 9-man General Executive Board and its 17 vice presidents also received salary increases; each was granted a pay boost of \$5 daily.

All of the association's officers were re-elected, and 5 vacancies created by deaths since the last convention in 1949, were filled with the election of John Robertson, Toronto, Ontario; Harold A. Smith, Pittsburgh, and Arthur A. Noel, Seattle, as vice presidents.

Vancouver, B. C. was selected as the site for the 32d convention which will be held in 1953.

MINISTERS VISIT

San Francisco.—More than 50 Protestant ministers were one-day guests during the AFL 70th convention, by arrangements by the department of religion and economic life of the National Council of Churches under the leadership of Dr. J. Cameron Hall of New York.

## No Boost In Excises AFL Holds

San Francisco.—The great majority of American families with incomes of \$4,000 yearly or less are already overburdened by the increased cost of living and the increased cost of the Federal income tax.

For that reason, the AFL 70th convention said there should be no increase in excises on the Federal level and increases in the personal income tax should not be made on those in the lowest income brackets.

Adopting the recommendations of the committee on the executive council's report the convention said in part:

"The executive council's report shows that state and local governments are coming to rely more and more on regressive sales and excise taxes for revenues. This tendency throws more and more of the tax burden on those in the lower income groups."

"The serious nature of this problem may be appreciated by reference to the study cited by the council which shows that those in the income bracket below \$1,000 pay 10% of their income in taxes to local and state governments while those in the brackets above \$7,500 pay only 8.5% of their income to those units of government. "All affiliated organizations are urged to continue their opposition to increases or extensions of all types of regressive taxation."

Delegates also note that the AFL has emphatically protested the growing use of additional taxes at this time; has supported the Treasury's proposal for further increases in corporation taxes, and has urged that major increases in the personal income tax rates should be mainly concentrated on those in the income level above \$5,000.

"The AFL has repeatedly pointed out that needed revenue could be secured through enactment of measures to recapture revenue losses due to operation of the split income provision under which married couples, particularly in the \$2,000 to \$5,000 groups between \$7,000 and \$10,000, are enjoying tax savings of \$2 billion yearly. "Effective revision of the estate and gift tax laws would add substantially to current revenues. We have also urged the closing of specific loopholes which permit the evasion of millions of additional revenue that is not being collected under present laws."

## BRING SALMON

San Francisco.—The salmon in the salad served at the dinner given by the AFL Free Trade Union Committee during the AFL 70th convention to foreign trade union guests was brought here by representatives of the Finnish Federation of Labor.

The salmon was caught in Russian waters.

Trade unionists from Turkey presented AFL President William Green with several pieces of decorative pottery as a token of their esteem.

The AFL International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers' Union presented each delegate with more than a dozen cases with a union-made leather cover.

BOSTON GETS UNION SHOW

San Francisco.—The 7th AFL Union Industries Show will be held in Mechanics Hall in Boston next April.

Site of the show was announced at the AFL 70th convention. The Union Label Week in 1952 will be observed Sept. 1-6.

CONVENTION SMILES.—San Francisco.—AFL Vice President Dan W. Tacey, present Broker-Dealer of Electrical Workers and former Assistant Secretary of Labor, served as an escort to Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin on latter's visit to 70th AFL convention.



**HEADLINERS AT CONVENTION**—San Francisco—Screen Star Walter Pidgeon, vice president AFL Screen Actors Guild, points out a platform guest at the AFL 70th convention to Mrs. Bernice B. Heffer, vice president American Federation of Government Employees, and AFL Vice President W. C. Doherty, president National Association of Letter Carriers.



**PRESIDENT OF BEST-HATTED CONVENTION**—San Francisco—AFL President William Green poses in Dalton hat, presented by the AFL United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers, with Mr. King (left), West Coast representative Dalton Hata, and members of the union's label committee, S. Herakowitz and Herman Finkelstein. Union gave hat and cap to every delegate to make convention best-hatted in history.

## Oppose Living Costs As Sole Wage Guide

San Francisco—Labor has never accepted the concept of the cost of living as a sole criteria for wages, and it never will.

In this emphatic language, the AFL 70th convention rejected any attempt by the Wage Stabilization Board, Congress or any other agency to limit wage increases solely by the higher costs of living.

"A general policy allowing for the negotiation of increases in wages in recognition of increases in productivity is also essential to a fair and workable wage stabilization program," the convention said.

Advancing AFL unions to stay away from the WSB insofar as possible, the convention approved a declaration of policy on wage stabilization which posed problems still to be solved by WSB:

"A number of important steps remain to be taken if gross injustice in the administration of the wage stabilization program is to be avoided.

"First among these is the development of an equitable policy to permit the free adjustment of wages to wage rates, so that workers in trades and industries where wages have lagged behind those of workers generally may move to a position of parity, without the straitjacket of wage control formulas. Until this is done, those who are least in a position to do so will be compelled to bear an inordinate share of the total burden of sacrifice by being subjected to un-American standards of living for the duration of an emergency of unpredictable length.

"Furthermore, unless an equitable substandard policy is adopted, these groups will suffer an undue hardship through the use of wage stabilization formulas based upon percentage allowances over some previously existing wage level. The application of percentage formulas to these cases means a continually declining standard of living, and the per-hour equivalent can never be sufficient to compensate for increases in the price of the necessities of life.

"A general policy allowing for the negotiation of increases in wages in recognition of increased productivity is also essential to a fair and workable wage stabilization program."

"Labor has never accepted the concept of the cost of living as a sole criteria for wages, and it never will. Labor must continue to receive a proper share of the proceeds of industrial and technical improvement.

"The Wage Stabilization Board cannot operate successfully unless its policies assure equity in the distribution of the proceeds of industry.

"The status of pension, health and

## BEST WISHES FOR THE KING

San Francisco, AFL President William Green expressed the best wishes of the AFL 70th convention for the speedy recovery of King George of England.

In introducing Archie Gordon of the British Embassy in Washington, Mr. Green said:

"We join with the workers of Great Britain and Canada in expressing our sincere sympathy because of the serious illness of the British king."

welfare plans under wage stabilization still remains in doubt. These programs are noninflationary and not properly subject to wage stabilization. The board should remove them from the rigid and unjust controls which have been placed upon them under its early regulations.

"The disputes function of the board, based as it is upon voluntary compliance, is a vital and necessary adjunct of the board's operations. However, the committee feels impelled to caution against hasty or unnecessary recourse to the board for the settlement of issues arising under collective bargaining.

"If the board is to fulfill its proper role as a supplement to—rather than a substitute for—collective bargaining, our object should be to keep out of the board as much as possible, and to exhaust all of the potentialities of collective bargaining before taking our cases before that body.

"Only then can we safely assume that the traditional processes of free collective bargaining will emerge from this era of controls unimpaired."

## NORTH DAKOTA RAPS COURIER

Bismarck, N. D.—The 40th convention of the North Dakota State AFL condemned the Trade Union Courier for its unethical solicitation by telephone of advertising and contributions from North Dakota business firms.

Operating out of New York, the Trade Union Courier canvasses business for advertising in the name of the American Federation of Labor. This practice has been condemned by the AFL Executive Council.

The Trade Union Courier has no connection with the AFL.

# Convention Welcomes CIO to Join Organically, Empowers Council To Work for That Achievement

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention adjourned with a declaration of policy that "the AFL will welcome the CIO to unite organically with the AFL."

"There is no reason whatsoever for any bona fide free trade union organization remaining outside the ranks of the AFL," the convention asserted in approving the report of the Executive Council on labor unity and withdrawal of the AFL from the United Labor Policy Committee.

"Full inclusion of our special responsibility, as the parent and the predominant organization of American labor, especially in this hour of crisis, the AFL will welcome the CIO to unite organically with the AFL."

"We urge a revival of negotiations with the CIO looking for an early consummation of organic unity between these 2 organizations."

The convention commended the work of the United Labor Policy Committee in its major task of getting greater participation for labor in the government's defense program. It approved AFL withdrawal since the committee's objective was achieved.

Following is the text of the convention statement on AFL-CIO unity:

"The AFL has repeatedly urged all bona fide trade union organizations outside its fold to join with it and unite the ranks of labor."

"To the AFL, the organic unification of labor has never been a pious wish or a maneuver through which to seek advantage over trade unions outside its membership. To the AFL the full unity of labor is a goal which can and must be realized as speedily as possible in the interest of every working man and working woman in the land."

"It is in this spirit that we have, on a number of occasions, pleaded with the CIO to unite its ranks with ours. It has always been our firm conviction that such real unity would greatly strengthen the ranks of organized labor, insure the defeat of the Taft-Hartley reactionary, and enhance the constructive influence of our great trade union movement in Congress at administrative levels in Washington and in the nation as a whole."

"In the negotiations which ensued after the letter addressed by President Philip Murray on April 4, 1950, real progress towards organic unity was being made when suddenly the conference between our respective representatives were halted."

"It is not the purpose of your committee to explore the reasons for the obvious reluctance of the CIO to act on this vital problem."

"It is now more than a year since they (the CIO) have been discontinued upon the initiative of the CIO president. This cessation of negotiations was not of our own choosing."

"The AFL has always been prepared

## Green, Meany, Re-elected, Look Ahead to New Goals

San Francisco.—AFL President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and the 13 AFL vice presidents were re-elected unanimously by the 70th convention.

President Green, pledging to carry on the high standards established by President Samuel Gompers, promised that in his 27th term as AFL chief executive he would give the best he had.

He said the desire of the working people of this country and the world is that "the threat of war must be eliminated."

Mr. Green was nominated by Secretary-Treasurer Phil Hannah of the Ohio State Federation of Labor.

Mr. Meany, nominated by President Martin P. Durkin of the Plumbers Union and seconded by President Thomas Murray of the New York State Federation of Labor, told delegates to "always look to tomorrow."

He said workers from all over the world looked to the AFL for leadership and help, and he admonished delegates to keep their eyes on the home front, too.

"We've got to continue by whatever method is necessary to do the real job of a trade union—to improve the conditions of work and life of all the workers of America," he said.

Vice presidents re-elected are: 1st, William L. Hutcherson, Carpenters; 2nd, Matthew Wolf, Photo Engravers; 3rd, George M. Harrison, Railway Clerks; 4th, Daniel J. Tobin, Teamsters; 5th, Harry C. Bates, Bricklayers; 6th, W. C. Birbright, Barbers; 7th, W. C. Doherty, Letter Carriers; 8th, David Dubinsky, Ladies Garment Workers; 9th, Charles J. MacGowan, Boilermakers; 10th, Herman Winter, Bakery Workers; 11th, Dan W. Tracy, Electrical Workers; 12th, William L. McFetridge, Building Service Employees; 13th, James C. Petrillo, Musicians.

to resume them. We believe it is both essential and timely that this convention go on record as to the basic principles and policies involved.

"The need for a united labor movement in America is evident to all trade unionists and progressive-minded citizens in our country. The need is urgent. There can be no substitute for organic labor unity."

"Functional unity, as frequently proposed by CIO representatives, is no substitute and cannot be accepted by the AFL."

"With our country's assumption of leadership of the democratic world, new and heavy responsibilities fall upon American labor. These responsibilities and tasks must be fulfilled by labor with the utmost energy and effectiveness."

"Otherwise, our nation will be unable to fulfill its great mission of leading in the preservation and protection of peace, freedom, and in the promotion of social justice and human well-being. But experience has shown beyond a shadow of doubt that American labor cannot fully meet these new and urgent obligations as long as its ranks are divided."

"Today there is no reason whatsoever for any bona fide free trade union organization remaining outside the ranks of the AFL."

"Today there is no difference at all over entire industrial structure or form dividing the labor movement into 2

national federations. With the exit of the CIO from the WFTU and its joining with us in forming and building the CFTU, with the CIO having purged its ranks of Communists, even this obstacle of organic unification has been removed."

"Full mindful of our special responsibility, as the parent and the predominant organization of American labor, especially in this hour of crisis, the AFL will welcome the CIO to unite organically with the AFL."

"Such complete American labor unity will prove a great boon to the American people and vastly strengthen the ICFIU as the dynamic leader and galvanize the forces of free labor in the vanguard of the fight for freedom, peace, and social justice."

"We, therefore, urge a revival of negotiations with the CIO looking for an early consummation of organic unity between these 2 organizations."

"We cannot urge too strongly the present urgency for organic unity of all labor organizations today not in our ranks."

"In this sense we propose to empower the incoming executive council to implement this declaration of policy to the end that organic unification of American labor may soon be realized as an achievement of and for our labor movement, our nation, and the entire international free trade union movement."

## Rents Zoom Up Under New Law

Washington.—Rents rose \$1.67 to \$7 per unit for the first half-million rents approved under the Defense Production Act, which permits a 20 percent increase above June 1947 levels.

Rent Stabilization Director Tighe E. Woods announced that 552,034 applications for rent boosts were filed from passage of the law July 31 to Sept. 7. Only 7,949 applications were rejected.

Applications were still pouring into some rent offices at the rate of 5,000 to 9,000 a day.

In Newark, N. J., one of the largest rent offices in the country, the average increase per unit was \$7.

The rent increases were voted by the Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans in the 82d Congress.

## MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

San Francisco.—Gov. Earl Warren of California told the AFL 70th convention that while his state has only 7 percent of the nation's population it has 16 percent of the AFL membership.

## TOBIN NAMED

New York.—Harold E. Stassen, national chairman of the Crusade for Freedom drive, appointed AFL Vice President Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Teamsters, as vice chairman.

## KINGAN TO BROADCAST

Chicago.—Kingan & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., which has contracts with the AFL Meat Outlets and Butcher Workmen in plants in 5 cities, will sponsor Arthur Godfrey in a new Columbia Broadcasting System network show beginning Sunday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. EST. Plants under AFL contracts are Storm Lake, Iowa; Richmond, Va.; Orangeburg, S. C.; Barrow, Fla., and Philadelphia, Pa.

## FORM COUNCIL

Paducah, Ky.—A new Atomic Trades and Labor Council was formed here and application made to the AFL Metal Trades Department for a charter of affiliation.

Paducah will be the site of one of the larger installations of the Atomic Energy Commission. Construction is now underway.

**RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' CHIEFS**—San Francisco.—E. J. "Doc" Manion, 79, Santa Monica, Calif. (left), who served AFL Order of Railroad Telegraphers as president longer than any other man, listens to AFL 70th convention proceedings with his successor, George E. Leighty, who is also president of the Railway Labor Executives Association representing more than 1 million railroad workers throughout nation.





**CONVENTION RECORD-HOLDER.**—San Francisco.—Frank Duffy, 90, former AFL vice president and retired secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, attended his 49th straight AFL convention, a record.



**THE AFL WILL ARBITRATE.**—San Francisco.—A. C. Croft (left), president American Arbitration Association celebrating its 25th anniversary, presents to AFL President William Green at AFL 70th convention a scroll expressing appreciation for "the long and inspiring record of the American Federation of Labor in the peaceful settlement of labor-management disputes by voluntary arbitration."



**A HUDDLE ON SENATORS.**—San Francisco.—James McDevitt (left), president Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor and new director of Labor's League for Political Education, huddles at AFL 70th convention with President Louis Marciano of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor on methods to retire the senators elected from their states in 1946 who voted for the Taft-Hartley law.

### Are Bosses Gonna Walk?

Washington.—The labor relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States discussed at its Sept. 7 meeting "how to inform employers of the socialistic trend of International Labor Organization and the question of continuing a committee from the chamber and the National Association of Manufacturers on the ILO."

Does that mean they might pull a Gromyko—take a walk?

### CREDIT UNIONS

Washington.—During 1950, federal credit unions exceeded all previous records of "worthwhile thrift and small loan services for their memberships."

Oscar E. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, reported there were more credit unions "serving more members than ever before, that savings were at an all-time high, and that their effectiveness in combating the evils of usury has been increased."

Paying tribute to more than 50,000 officers of the federal credit unions, Mr. Ewing said, "Their unselfish service and capable leadership helped more than 2 million people to help themselves to gain a little greater measure of economic stability."

## AFL Not Opposed To 'Ads'

San Francisco.—"A complete misrepresentation" of the AFL position on advertising was published by Hearst and McCormick newspapers during the AFL 70th convention.

Purportedly based on testimony by Peter Henle, AFL economist, before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee urging repeal of the Capehart amendment to the Defense Production Act, the stories were fabricated phonies that the AFL is opposed to the use of advertising.

AFL President William Green inserted a statement into the record clarifying the AFL position. The statement was praised by the AFL printing trades unions. Mr. Green said:

"This statement is submitted to you because of reports that have been circulated regarding the attitude of the representative of the American Federation of Labor toward advertising matters included in the Production Defense Act.

"Because of these published reports that the American Federation of Labor is supporting a ban on the expenditures of advertising, permit me to make this statement.

"This matter has been investigated most thoroughly and I find the following to be the facts:

"1. On Sept. 13, Peter Henle, AFL assistant economist, was duly authorized to present the AFL views on the Capehart amendment to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. This has been made abundantly clear over a week ago by a public telegram from President Green to Sen. A. Willis Robertson, chairman of the subcommittee.

"2. The AFL favors the complete repeal of the Capehart amendment. While the proposal by Senator Maybank represents an improvement over the language in the Capehart amendment, basically it is still a 'cost-plus' system of pricing and thus cannot be supported by the AFL.

"3. The issue of advertising expenditures is a complete misrepresentation. There is no specific authority for a limit on advertising costs in either the Capehart amendment or the Maybank proposal. What could be accomplished administratively under one can just as easily be accomplished under the other. Senator Capehart cannot pose as the champion of the advertising world since his amendment prohibits so-called 'unreasonable and excessive' costs under which advertising expenditures could be limited.

"That, I hope, will clarify the situation and be accepted as an answer to the unreasonable reports which have been widely circulated."

## North Dakota Endorses MVA

Bismarck, N. D.—The 40th annual convention of the North Dakota State Federation of Labor endorsed a Missouri Valley Authority for development of the river, flood control and conservation of natural resources.

The convention commended President Truman for his handling of General MacArthur, favored labor support of the "Crusade for Freedom," repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, and the placing of real estate agencies under the Public Service Commission for regulation.

Delegates condemned Rep. Usher L. Burdick for his criticism of General Eisenhower and the United Nations.

The call for continued efforts to enact a state labor relations act which will replace House Bills 160 and 151 and urged central labor unions to assist in reactivating Labor's League for Political Education.

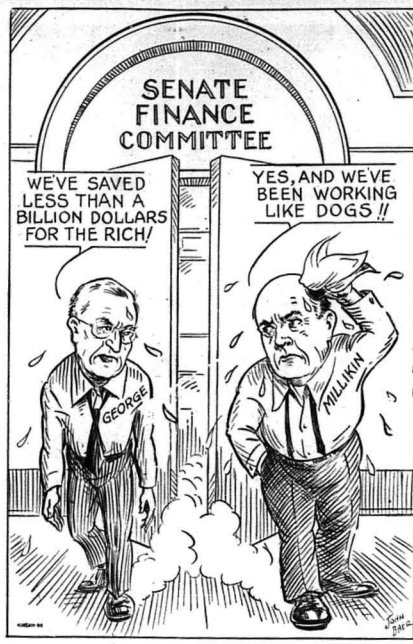
Albert J. Maag, president South Dakota AFL, brought fraternal greetings. Grand Forks was chosen as the next convention city.

W. W. Murray, Fargo, member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters, was re-elected president and Frank Gies, Fargo, Electrical Workers, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Vice presidents named are Art Johnson, Minot, Carpenters; John Keller, Bismarck, Carpenters, and Thomas Fahey, Grand Forks, State, County and Municipal Workers.

### MILLION GET JOBS

Washington.—In 6 years since start of National Employ "Physically Handicapped Week, more than 1,500,000 placements of handicapped workers have been made.



## Leghorn Dock Workers Break Commie Grip

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Leghorn, Italy.—There is more than a touch of irony in the fact that—of all places—it should be this fortress of Italian communism that has become the scene of free Italian labor's most significant triumph in years.

Since 1944 it was always obvious that the Communies and no one else were running the show. But now, free labor has invaded this Red stronghold and it looks as if it's here to stay.

Leghorn's Communies unleashed a powerful hate and terror campaign against the Americans last July when the U. S. Army announced it had received an Italian okay to open a supply base here for the U. S. forces in Austria.

Later, when the Army's Debarcation Center began hiring only non-Communist dock workers, Leghorn verged on becoming the battleground of a terrible labor war. It was now threatening to jeopardize the whole program.

At this point Alfredo Maffei, general secretary of the local ICFTU affiliate, the National Federation of Free Port Workers (Fenaport), stepped in with a sensible plan to insure labor peace in Leghorn.

However, Vasco Jacoponi, Red chief of Leghorn's Stevedores' Union, refused to consider any agreement. Instead, he and the local labor chamber intensified the Communist party's propaganda drive to boycott the Army project.

In spite of this violent "Made-in-Moscow" campaign, 350 Communist stevedores defied party orders and applied for work at the debarcation center.

When the U. S. Army transport, General Callen, arrived in port, the Red union bosses called their first—and last—strike against the debarcation center. The illegal walkout call failed miserably and non-Communist stevedores had no difficulty in proceeding to unload the American ship.

It was Fenaport's plan that actually was adopted later and which became the means of averting a bloody labor strife.

The accord bars political strikes and assures that the Communist union (and party) will not receive any benefits by virtue of this agreement.

The work pact is a terrific slap in the face of Red labor's hitherto unchallenged dictatorship here and for the first time since the end of the war a man can show his free trade union card without fear of losing his job.

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